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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixtieth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 4 to 22 March 2002. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 March. The last meeting will be convened at 3 p.m. on Friday, 22 March.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and for the consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue pursuant to the review procedure.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Election of officers, according to rule 15 of the rules of procedure.

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5. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures.

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7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

8. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.

9. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories in which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.

10. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003): Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee under rule 14 of the rules of procedure

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the nine members of the Committee elected or re-elected at the Nineteenth Meeting of States parties to the Convention, held on 17 January 2002, will make the following solemn declaration:

> "I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

2. Election of officers

In accordance with article 10, paragraph 2, of the Convention and rules 15 and 16 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

Under rule 58 of the rules of procedure, elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Committee decides otherwise in the case of an election to fill a place for which there is only one candidate.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of the officers when required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items.

4. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the sixtieth session. It will also undertake a general debate on issues of interest to the Committee, including on issues concerning the Committee's methods of work and on the possibility of holding a thematic discussion at its sixty-first session.

The Secretariat will brief the Committee about the Plan of Action to strengthen the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (2000-2004).

5. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this as one of its regular and principal agenda items. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts; or it may decide to initiate urgent action procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention. The Committee may also take action or further action regarding States parties already considered under this item.

The Committee may, at its discretion, schedule the consideration of the situation in some States parties at short notice.

6. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

At its sixtieth session, the Committee will consider initial and periodic reports received from the following States parties: Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Qatar, Republic of Moldova and Switzerland. It will also undertake a review of the implementation of the Convention in the following States parties from which periodic reports are seriously overdue: Albania, Botswana, Cape Verde, Papua New Guinea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Tunisia and Turkmenistan.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee. The scheduling of the Committee's consideration of reports submitted and review of the implementation of the Convention in the States parties whose reports are excessively overdue is set forth in the timetable below.

7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its sixtieth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/413). Part A of that document indicates reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

8. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications, which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

9. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories in which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/414) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

10. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003); Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session), in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep this item on its agenda and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action for the Second Decade and subsequently the Programme of Action for the Third Decade.

The Committee will have before it the Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Conference and will discuss its participation and envisaged follow-up activities in relation thereto.

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports, comments and further information submitted by States parties and for consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue pursuant to the review procedure

The following timetable has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its fifty-ninth session.

Monday, 4 March 2002 (1495th meeting)

p.m.	Switzerland	Second and third periodic reports due in 1997 and 1999, submitted in one document (CERD/C/351/Add.2)

Tuesday, 5 March 2002 (1496th and 1497th meetings)

a.m.	Switzerland	(continued)
p.m.	Lithuania	Initial report, due in 2000 (CERD/C/369/Add.2)

Wednesday, 6 March 2002 (1498th and 1499th meetings)

a.m.	Lithuania	(continued)
	Botswana[1]	
p.m.	Croatia	Fourth and fifth periodic reports due in 1998 and 2000, submitted in one document (CERD/C/373/Add.1)

Thursday, 7 March 2002 (1500th and 1501st meetings)

a.m.	Croatia	(continued)
p.m.	Austria	Fourteenth periodic report, due in 1999 (CERD/C/362/Add.7)
	Solomon Islands[1]	

Friday, 8 March 2002 (1502nd and 1503rd meetings)

a.m.	Austria	(continued)
p.m.	Qatar	Ninth to twelfth periodic reports, due from 1993 to 1999, submitted in one document (CERD/C/360/Add.1)
	Cape Verde[1]	

Monday, 11 March 2002 (1504th and 1505th meetings)

a.m.	Qatar	(continued)
p.m.	Republic of Moldova	Initial to fourth periodic reports, due from 1994 to 2000, and submitted in one document (CERD/C/372/Add.2)
	Papua New Guinea[1]	

Tuesday, 12 March 2002 (1506th and 1507th meetings)

a.m.	Republic of Moldova	(continued)
p.m.	Denmark	Fifteenth periodic report, due in 2001 (CERD/C/408/Add.1)
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines[1]	

Wednesday, 13 March 2002 (1508th and 1509th meetings)

a.m.	Denmark	(continued)
p.m.	Belgium	Eleventh to thirteenth periodic reports, due from 1996 to 2000, submitted in one document (CERD/C/381/Add.1)
	Tunisia[1]	

Thursday, 14 March 2002 (1510th and 1511th meetings)

a.m.	Belgium	(continued)
p.m.	Jamaica	Eighth to fifteenth periodic reports, due from 1986 to 2000, submitted in one document (CERD/C/338/Add.1)
	Turkmenistan[1]	

Friday, 15 March 2002 (1512th and 1513th meetings)

a.m.	Jamaica	(continued)
p.m.	Costa Rica	Sixteenth periodic report, due in 2000 (CERD/C/384/Add.5)

Monday, 18 March 2002 (1514th and 1515th meetings)

a.m.	Costa Rica	(continued)
p.m.	Liechtenstein	Initial report, due in 2001 (CERD/C/394/Add.1)

Tuesday, 19 March 2002 (1516th and 1517th meetings)

a.m.	Liechtenstein	(continued)
p.m.	Albania[1]	

Note

[1] Review procedure (for States parties whose reports are seriously overdue).